



U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Hood Command Sergeant Major

BIOGRAPHY

CSM Jeff Hof

Command Sergeant Major Jeff Hof hails from Texas; a graduate of Abilene High School in Abilene, Texas. He enlisted in the Army in 1983 as a Fire Support Specialist completing OSUT at Ft Sill, Oklahoma.

He began his career assigned to 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, Lee Barracks, Mainz, Germany. Following this first overseas assignment he volunteered for duty with the elite 75th Ranger Regiment assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Ft Benning, Ga. from 1985-1989.

His positions included Forward Observer and Company Fire Support Sergeant. In 1987 he changed his MOS to become an infantryman assuming duty as a Rifle Platoon Weapons Squad Leader. CSM Hof would heed *General Abrams Charter* by taking his experience, adherence to strict standards, unwavering discipline and quiet professionalism acquired as a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment by moving out to make the rest of the Army better.



Other duty positions include; Senior Patrol Instructor assigned to Platoon Confidence Training (PCT), Bad Toelz, Germany; Rifle & Scout Platoon Sergeant assigned to 5th Battalion 502nd Infantry Regiment, Berlin Brigade, Berlin, Germany; Senior Infantry Platoon Observer/Controller assigned to JRTC, Ft Polk, Louisiana. In addition, CSM Hof has performed duty as a Platoon Sergeant of a Bradley Infantry Company while assigned to 4th Infantry Division.

CSM Hof has served as Company First Sergeant in three Bradley infantry companies while assigned with 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division and has the distinct honor of being the Company First Sergeant of the first company in the Army to test, field and fight the M2A3 series Bradley Fighting Vehicles that are now fielded throughout the Army.

After graduating the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) Class 52, he returned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment as the Battalion Operations Sergeant Major. Within a few months of his return from the USASMA, he deployed with 4th Infantry Division to combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I (2003-2004).

Upon completion of serving a year in Iraq, he was selected as a Command Sergeant Major and volunteered to return to the fight in the Global War on Terrorism as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major of 1st Battalion (Airborne), 508th Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vicenza, Italy. He then deployed to conduct full spectrum

combat operations in Regional East (RC East), Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VI (2005-2006).

CSM Hof was also part of historical transformation of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team with realignment and modulation of brigade size units by becoming the Battalion Command Sergeant Major of 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, Vicenza, Italy.

CSM Hof is a Sergeant Morales Club member and has earned the following decorations and awards; Bronze Star (w/1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (w/4OLC), Army Commendation Medal (w/3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (w/4OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7th award), National Defense Service Medal (numeral 2), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4), Overseas Ribbon (numeral 5), Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Military Freefall Badge, German Parachutist Badge, German Schutzenschnur (Silver).

The following are the military schools completed by CSM Hof; Airborne, Ranger, Soviet Light Weapons, Naval Gunfire, Joint Fire Control Course, Jumpmaster, Military Freefall, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Bradley Leaders and all the NCOES courses from PLDC (1983) through the Sergeants Major Academy (2002). In addition, the First Sergeants Course and Battle Staff NCO Course.

CSM Hof has been married to the lovely former Stefanie Vogel for 24 years. Their only child, Bianca Jeanine, is a senior at Texas A&M University majoring in education.

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